

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

OVERVIEW

The Governor's proposals for the following departments, boards, and commissions are all modest and raise no serious concerns at this time.

- Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA)
- Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)
- California Horse Racing Board (CHRB)
- Seismic Safety Commission (SSC)
- California Law Review Commission (CLRC)
- Commission on Uniform State Laws (CUSL)

8570 Department of Food and Agriculture

The Department of Food and Agriculture is charged with serving the diverse citizens of California by maintaining an abundant, affordable, safe, and nutritious food supply. To meet this end, the department seeks to prevent or eradicate animal diseases and exotic and invasive species harmful to people, commerce, and the environment. Further, the department provides leadership, innovation and oversight in the production and marketing of agricultural products, and supports a network of agricultural-related fairs and expositions within the state.

Finally, the Department of Food and Agriculture develops and enforces weights and measures standards for all types of products in California, at all levels of commerce.

The budget proposes total expenditures of \$266.5 million (\$73.0 million General Fund), a decrease of \$27.9 million (9.5 percent) from the current-year budget. The majority of the reductions in funding can be attributed to the proposed (1) General Fund reductions, as well as a (2) decrease in the amount of federal Specialty Crop Block Grant funds available to support the state's Buy California program, which is nearing the end of its operation.

Summary of Expenditures

(dollars in thousands)	2003-2004	2004-2004	\$ Change	% Change
<i>State Operations & Local Assistance</i>				
General Fund	\$83,914	\$73,005	\$-10,909	-13.0
Agriculture Fund, Totals	109,294	110,624	1,330	1.2
Fairs and Exposition Fund	19,294	18,595	-699	-3.6
Satellite Wagering Account	12,442	12,251	-191	-1.5
Harbors & Watercraft Rev Fund	1,148	1,175	27	2.4
Agriculture Building Fund	1,618	1,618	0	0.0
Other Funds	-129	-368	-239	185.3
Federal Funds	53,067	35,090	-17,977	-33.9
Reimbursements	10,276	9,055	-1,221	-11.9
Pierce's Disease Management Account	3,550	5,490	1,940	54.6
Total	\$294,474	\$266,535	\$-27,939	-9.5

Highlights

General Fund Reductions. The budget proposes \$3.8 million in General Fund reductions specifically related to the Pierce's Disease Program (-\$2 million), the Mediterranean Fruit Fly Program (-\$1 million), and the Agricultural Export Program (-\$831,000.)

Agriculture Fund Loan Extension. The budget proposes deferring repayment of a \$15 million loan to the General Fund to an unspecified future fiscal year.